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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

2 WHEREAS, President Barack H. Obama served as the 44th
3 President of the United States of America from January 20, 2009
4 to January 20, 2017; he was the first African American elected
5 to the American Presidency, and the first President born out of
6 the continental United States; and

7 WHEREAS, President Obama attended Occidental College in
8 Los Angeles, California and graduated from Columbia University
9 in New York in 1983; he attended Harvard Law School, where he
10 was the first African American editor of the Harvard Law
11 Review; he taught constitutional law at the University of
12 Chicago Law School for 12 years and served the City of Chicago
13 as a community organizer; and

14 WHEREAS, President Obama represented the 13th Senate
15 District in the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, President Obama was elected to represent Illinois
17 in the United States Senate in 2004 with over 70% of the vote;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, President Obama was elected President in 2008 with
20 just under 53% of the popular vote; he was re-elected in 2012;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, As President, President Obama signed into law the
2 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which saved the nation
3 from the worst of effects of the Great Recession; he also
4 signed into law the Dodd-Frank financial institution
5 regulations to help the nation avoid another economic
6 catastrophe; and

7 WHEREAS, President Obama has been a progressive leader on
8 numerous issues including, domestic policy, LGBTQ rights,
9 women's rights, healthcare, economic policy, environmental
10 policy, energy, gun control, internet policy, and foreign
11 policy; and

12 WHEREAS, President Obama reduced the number of U.S. troops
13 committed internationally; he signed the Paris Agreement and
14 negotiated a successful nuclear deal with Iran; he oversaw the
15 opening of relations between the U.S. and Cuba; and

16 WHEREAS, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act,
17 providing healthcare to millions and protecting millions more
18 from being denied for pre-existing conditions; and

19 WHEREAS, President Obama was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace
20 Prize for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen
21 international diplomacy and cooperation between people; and

1 WHEREAS, The Barack Obama Presidential Center will be
2 hosted by the University of Chicago and will be located in
3 Jackson Park on the South Side of Chicago; once completed it
4 will become the 14th site in the National Archives and Records
5 Administration presidential library system; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
8 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Interstate 55 as it
9 travels from the Tri-State Tollway south to Mile Marker 202
10 near Pontiac as the "Barack Obama Presidential Expressway"; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
13 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
14 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
15 giving notice of the name "Barack Obama Presidential
16 Expressway"; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to President Obama and the Secretary of the
19 Department of Transportation.